

SMALL BUSINESS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVOCACY (SBEDA)

For Use with Contracts Over \$200,000

1. **Small Business Participation**

Pursuant to Ordinance No. 96754, it is the policy of the City of San Antonio to involve Small, Minority, Women and African-American Owned Business Enterprises (S/M/W/AABE) to the greatest extent feasible in the City's discretionary contracts. The intent and purpose of the policy is to ensure that S/M/W/AABE firms have the opportunity to compete for City contracts without discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, age, sex or handicap. To accomplish the objectives of the SBEDA policy, the City has established specific goals for local S/M/W/AABE participation in this contract.

2. **DEFINITIONS** related to the Small Business Economic Development Advocacy Provisions:

- a. **SBEDA Program:** Small Business Economic Development Advocacy Program designed to promote the utilization and participation of Local, Minority, Women, and African-American Owned Business Enterprises in City sponsored contract opportunities.
- b. **Small Business Enterprises (SBE):** a corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship or other legal entity, for the purpose of making a profit, which is independently owned and operated and which meets the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) size standard for small business. All firms meeting this threshold will be considered an SBE.
- c. **Local Business Enterprise (LBE):** a corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, or other legal entity for the purpose of making a profit, which is headquartered within Bexar County for at least one year. For a branch office of a non-headquartered business to qualify as an LBE, the branch office must be located in Bexar County for at least one-year and employ a minimum of ten (10) residents of Bexar County or employ Bexar County residents for at least twenty-five (25%) of the entire company workforce for use at the local branch office.
- d. **Minority Business Enterprise (MBE):** a sole proprietorship, partnership, or corporation owned, operated, and controlled by a minority group member(s) who has at least 51% ownership. The minority group member(s) must have operational and managerial control, interest in capital, expertise and earnings commensurate with the percentage of ownership and be legal residents or citizens of the United States or its territories. To qualify as an MBE, the enterprise shall be headquartered in Bexar County for any length of time, or shall be doing business in a locality or localities from which the City regularly solicits, or receives bids on or proposals for, City contracts within the MBES's category of contracting for at least one year.
- e. **Woman Business Enterprise (WBE):** a sole proprietorship, partnership, or corporation owned, operated and controlled by women who have at least 51% ownership. The woman or women must have operational and managerial control, interest in capital, expertise and earnings commensurate with the percentage of ownership and be legal residents or citizens of the United States or its territories. To qualify as a WBE, the enterprise shall be headquartered in Bexar County for any length of time or shall be doing business in a locality or localities from which the City regularly solicits or receives bids on or proposals for, City contracts within the WBE's category of contracting for at least one year.

- f. **African-American Business Enterprise (AABE)**: a sole proprietorship, partnership, or corporation owned, operated and controlled by an African-American group member(s) who has at least 51% ownership. The African American Group member(s) must have operational and managerial control, interest in capital, expertise and earnings commensurate with the percentage of ownership and be legal residents or citizens of the United States or its territories. To qualify as an AABE, the enterprise shall be headquartered in Bexar County for any length of time or shall be doing business in a locality or localities from which the City regularly solicits, or receives bids on or proposals for, City contracts within the AABE's category of contracting for at least one year.

3. **Goals for Small Business Participation**

The goals for the utilization and participation of SBE-MBE-WBE-AABE businesses on this contract are as follows:

MBE	31%
WBE	10%
AABE	2.2%
SBE	50%

Please note that a small business could be classified in multiple categories and thus their utilization could in theory be counted in each category of goals. For example, **Prime Contractor X** submits a proposal, which specifies that they intend to subcontract with Subcontractor A for 10% of the contract. Subcontractor A is certified by the City as an SBE and MBE (a male-owned Hispanic Business owner can be certified as an SBE and MBE). **Prime Contractor X** also intends to subcontract with Subcontractor B for 13% of the contract. Subcontractor B is certified by the City as SBE, MBE and a WBE (a female-owned Hispanic Business owner can be certified as SBE, MBE and WBE). In addition, **Prime Contractor X** also intends to subcontract 10% of the contract to Subcontractor C—a City certified SBE and AABE (a male-owned African-American business owner can be certified as both a MBE and as a AABE Business). **Prime Contractor X** is also classified as a local SBE. **Prime Contractor X's** compliance with the SBEDA goals under this scenario would be as follows:

	City's SBEDA Goals	Prime Contractor X's Compliance
MBE	31%	33%
WBE	10%	13%
AABE	2.2%	10%
SBE	50%	100%

Under this scenario, the contractor would be in full compliance with the SBEDA policy.

Another example regarding compliance with the policy is as follows: **Prime Contractor Y** submits a proposal, which specifies that they intend to partner through a joint-venture agreement with Company D. Company D is certified by the City as both an SBE and MBE (a male-owned Hispanic Business—certified as an SBE and MBE). As part of their joint-venture agreement, Company A will perform on 32.5% of the contract. **Prime Contractor Y** also intends to subcontract 13% of the contract with Subcontractor F. Subcontractor F is a

City certified SBE/MBE/WBE and AABE business. **Prime Contractor Y** is also classified as a local SBE.

Prime Contractor Y compliance with the SBEDA goals would be as follows:

	City's SBEDA Goals	Prime Contractor X's Compliance
MBE	31%	45.5%
WBE	10%	13%
AABE	2.2%	13%
SBE	50%	100%

Under this scenario, the contractor would be in full compliance with the SBEDA policy.

4. Good Faith Effort Required

Proposals shall include a Good Faith Effort Plan (GFEP—ATTACHED). The GFEP shall include specific documentation to utilize local, small, MBE-WBE-AABE businesses in a percentage, which equals or exceeds the above goals. **Any proposal that does not include the GFEP and does not receive approval of the GFEP by the Economic Development Department shall be declared non-responsive, and excluded from consideration.**

5. MBE-WBE-AABE Certification Required

Only companies certified as MBE, WBE, or AABE through the South Central Texas Regional Certification Agency (SCTRCA), or as approved by the City of San Antonio Director of Economic Development, can be applied towards the contracting goals. Proof of certification must be submitted.

6. SBEDA Information

Interested contractors/proposers are encouraged to contact the Small Business Outreach Office for information regarding the City's SBEDA Policy. Please call (210) 207-3915 or FAX: (210) 207-8151.